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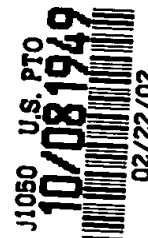
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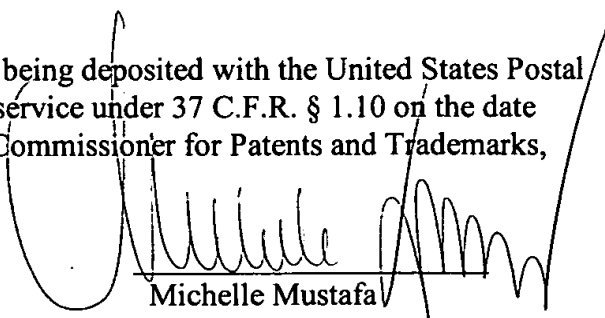
1. Japanese Laid Open Patent Application Hei 6-176137 dated June 24, 1994.

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2. Japanese Utility Model registration No. 3,032,679 dated October 9, 1996.

Applicant is submitting a copy of the above-cited references. The relevance of the above-identified references has been described in the specification.

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